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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Isabelle BARA) Group Art Unit: 1712
Application No.: 09/763,084) Examiner: Daniel S. Metzmaier
Filed: April 6, 2001)
For: SOLID AQUEOUS GEL)
COMPRISING HYDROPHILIC)
GELLING AGENT AND)
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL, AND)
METHOD OF USING THE SAME)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated December 5, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 44-46, 50, 53, 56, 71, 73 and 77, with amended claims 1, 44-46, 50, 53, 56, 71, 73 and 77 as follows:

1. (Once amended) A solid aqueous gel comprising i) at least one hydrophilic gelling agent, ii) at least one polyethylene glycol in which the number of moles of oxyethylene ranges from 12 to 180, and iii) at least one of (a) a fatty phase, and (b) a solvent other than water.

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